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SUBJ: LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES

1. LABOR DAY ACTIVITIES WERE MINIMAL AND PASSED WITHOUT INCIDENT. SPEAKING WITHOUT NOTES TO LABOR AUDIENCE ASSEMBLED IN PLAZA DE MAYO, ISABEL PERON LIMITED HER SPEECH TO AN ENERGETIC CONDEMNATION OF TERRORISTS, AN APPEAL FOR INCREASED PRODUCTIVITY BY THE WORKERS, AND A PROMISE TO "MAKE WHATEVER CHANGES NECESSARY" TO CARRY OUT JUSTICIALIST PROGRAMS. IN ONLY OTHER PROGRAMMED ACT CGT SEC GEN HERRERAS GAVE SHORT NATIONALLY TELEVISED ADDRESS APRIL 30 IN WHICH HE CALLED ON WORKERS TO ATTEND MAY 1 RALLY, PRAISED PERON'S MEMORY, AND REITERATED LABORS SUPPORT FOR ISABEL.

2. ALTHOUGH THE CROWD IN PLAZA DE MAYO WAS THE SMALLEST ORGANIZED GATHERING SINCE THE ADVENT OF THE PERONIST GOVT., IT RESPONDED WARMLY AND ENTHUSIASTICALLY TO ISABEL'S PERSONAL, WOMANLY TOUCHES IN THANKING THEM FOR THEIR SUPPORT AND CONFIDENCE. THE ONLY SUBSTANTIVE ASPECT OF HER ADDRESS WAS WHAT WASN'T SAID. IN CONTRAST TO PREVIOUS LABOR DAYS, THE PRESIDENT NEITHER MADE PROMISES NOR ANNOUNCED ANY NEW "CONQUESTS" FOR THE WORKERS.

3. COMMENT: ISABEL'S FAILURE TO PROMISE LABOR ANYTHING NEW,

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AND HER REFUSAL TO ASSAIL FOREIGN OR MULTINATIONAL COMPANIES

AS LABOR HAS BEGUN TO DO, APPARENTLY INDICATES SOME SUPPORT
FOR MINECON GOMEZ MORALES' VIEWS ON HOW THE COUNTRYS ECONOMIC
PROBLEMS SHOULD BE ATTACKED.
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